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ADROUGHT

SUBJECT: GRAIN SHIPMENTS FOR SAHEL EMERGENCY - WFP NESLETTER NO. 7

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1. NESLETTER 7 (INFO AS OF AUGUST 15) CITES CONTINUED DIFFICULTY OBTAINING COMMERCIAL CEREAL IMPORT INFORMATION. AID MENTIONED AS ONLY AGENCY PROVIDING REGULAR, TIMELY INFORMATION. GRAIN LIKELY BE SUPPLIED SAHEL AS RESULT DROUGHT NOW ESTIMATED 624,000 MT OF WHICH 100,000 MT EXTRAORDINARY COMMERCIAL IMPORTS BUT NOT COUNTING NORMAL COMMERCIAL IMPORTS INTO SENEGAL OF WHEAT AND RICE. STATES RECENTLY ALLOCATED 100,000 MT SORGHUM BY U.S. LIKELY ARRIVE DURING LATER 1973 OR EARLY 1974.

2. REPORTS 416,000 MT LANDED VARIOUS PORTS MID-AUGUST AS COMPARED 265,000 MT TOTAL ON JULY 1. 71,200 MT STOCKED PORTS AS OPPOSED 50,000 MT JULY 1, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY DAKAR AND ABIDJAN. 70,000 MT EXPECTED MID-AUGUST/END SEPTEMBER. REMAINING TONNAGE EXPECTED ABOUT 138,000 MT (INCLUDING RECENT US ALLOCATION).

3. CITES NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES EVACUATION FROM PORTS BY TRADITIONAL MEANS TRANSPORT. ONLY ABIDJAN AND DAKAR POSE PROBLEMS. RAIL TRANSPORT FROM DAKAR TO MALI CONTINUED IMPROVE. 14,000 MT TRANSPORTED JULY AS COMPARED 11,000 MT JUNE AND 4,500 MT MAY. AIRLIFT, BY UP TO TWENTY PLANES, OF SEED, LIVESTOCK FEED AND MILK POWDER ESTIMATED 15,000 MT BY END AUGUST. CLAIMS AIRLIFT PREVENTED MAJOR CATASTROPHE CONCERNING HUMAN POPULATION.

4. DISTRIBUTION WITHIN ZONE AIDED BY LATE AND ABNORMALLY LOW RAINS DURING FIRST 3 MONTHS 1973 RAINY SEASON. REPORT FORECASTS THAT RAINFALL WHICH SLIGHTLY OVER 50 PERCENT NORMAL IN MAY, 2/3 NORMAL IN JUNE AND 3/4 NORMAL JULY EXPECTED CONTINUE BELOW NORMAL DURING PEAK RAINY SEASON. DISTRIBUTION OF RAINS REGARDED LESS THAN IDEAL. REPORTS FROM FIELD CONFIRM RESOWING NECESSARY SOME AREAS BECAUSE SEEDS DID NOT GERMINATE OR YOUNG CROPS DIED. OTHER AREAS CROPS FLATTENED BY TOO HEAVY RAINFALL. AFTER NOTING ONLY EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE CONDITIONS LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER COULD REVERSE BELOW NORMAL SITUATION REPORTED. WFP NOTES SOMEWHAT HOPEFULLY RECORD SHOWS RAINY SEASON COULD EXTEND BY SEVERAL WEEKS OR EVEN PEAK IN SEPTEMBER INSTEAD AUGUST.

5. STOCKS IN PORT AUGUST 15 REPORTED: MAURITANIA - UNKNOWN; SENEGAL - 5,600 MT; MALI - 54,000 MT (OF WHICH 35,500 DAKAR AND 19,500 ABIDJAN); UPPER VOLTA - 11,600 MT; TOTAL 71,200 MT.

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6. PORT ARRIVALS MID-AUGUST/END SEPTEMBER LATER

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION	MT	MT
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MAURITANIA	10,500	UNKNOWN
SENEGAL	6,300	UNKNOWN

MALI	10,400	UNKNOWN
UPPER VOLTA	18,000	8,000
NIGER	21,000	14,000
CHAD	900	13,000
GAMBIA	3,000	2,600
TOTAL	70,100	37,600

NOTE: TOTAL "LATER" ARRIVAL FIGURE ABOVE READS 137,600 MT WHEN
US 100,000 MT SORGHUM ADDED. NO DISTRIBUTION THIS US ALLOCA-
TION KNOWN WFP AT TIME NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF DATE.VOLPE

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